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**Human Rights Council****Forty-ninth session**

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Agenda item 3

**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development****Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council  
on 31 March 2022****49/8. Commemoration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on  
the Right to Development***The Human Rights Council,**Recalling* the Charter of the United Nations and the core human rights instruments,*Reaffirming* the Declaration on the Right to Development, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/128 of 4 December 1986,*Stressing the importance* of the World Conference on Human Rights, held in Vienna in 1993, and that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action reaffirmed the right to development as a universal and inalienable right and an integral part of fundamental human rights and the individual as the central subject and beneficiary of development,*Reaffirming* all Commission on Human Rights, Human Rights Council and General Assembly resolutions on the right to development, the most recent being Council resolution 48/10 of 8 October 2021 and Assembly resolution 76/163 of 16 December 2021,*Emphasizing* that all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, are universal, indivisible, interdependent, interrelated and mutually reinforcing,*Emphasizing also* the urgent need to make the right to development a reality for everyone,*Stressing* the importance of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its means of implementation, and emphasizing that the 2030 Agenda is informed by the Declaration on the Right to Development and that the right to development is vital for the full realization of the 2030 Agenda, and should be central to its implementation,*Recognizing* that Member States should cooperate with each other in ensuring development and eliminating lasting obstacles to development, that the international community should promote effective international cooperation, in particular global partnerships for development, for the realization of the right to development, and that lasting progress towards the implementation of the right to development requires, inter alia, effective development policies at the national level, equitable economic relations and a favourable economic environment at the international level,

*Stressing* that, in General Assembly resolution 48/141 of 20 December 1993, the Assembly decided that the responsibility of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights shall be, among others, to promote and protect the realization of the right to development and to enhance support from relevant bodies of the United Nations system for that purpose,

*Welcoming* the contribution of the universal periodic review mechanism to the realization of the right to development,

*Stressing* that the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development presents a significant opportunity for the international community to demonstrate and reiterate its unequivocal commitment to the right to development, recognizing the high profile it deserves, and redoubling its efforts to implement this right,

1. *Welcomes* the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development and stresses the importance of the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights with regard to the promotion and protection of the realization of the right to development, while fully recognizing its distinct nature and intrinsic value;

2. *Decides* to convene, at its fifty-second session, a full-day high-level meeting, in a hybrid format and fully accessible to persons with disabilities, with sign language interpretation and webcast, on the promotion and protection of the right to development as a celebration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development, and requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the high-level meeting;

3. *Invites* the High Commissioner to liaise with all States and stakeholders, including relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, funds and programmes, treaty bodies, special procedure mandate holders, national human rights institutions and civil society, with a view to ensuring their participation in the high-level meeting;

4. *Requests* the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the high-level meeting and to submit it to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fourth session;

5. *Encourages* all Member States to engage constructively in all discussions for the full implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development.

*55th meeting  
31 March 2022*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 33 to 0, with 14 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Argentina, Armenia, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Cameroon, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Paraguay, Qatar, Russian Federation, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

*Abstaining:*

Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America]

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